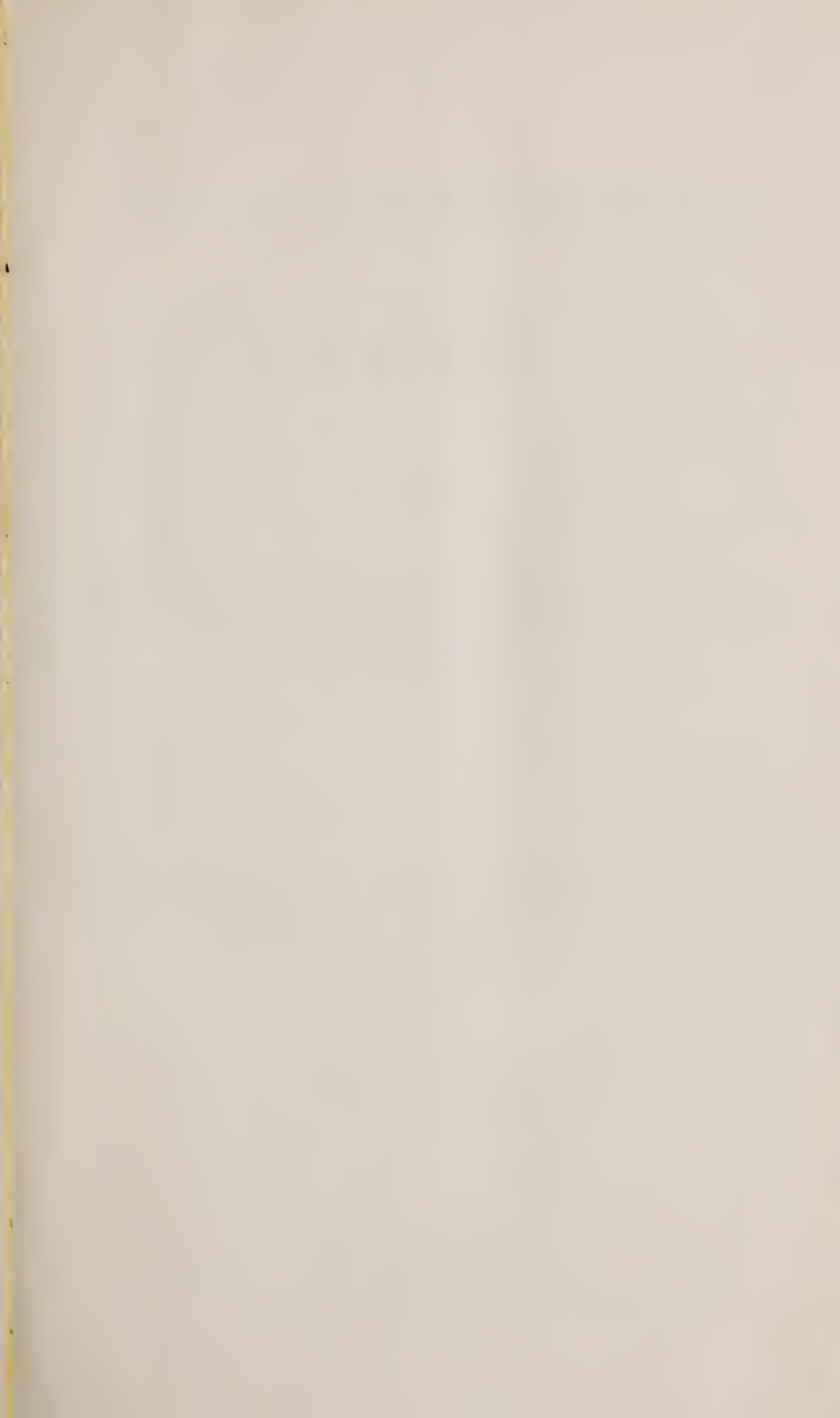




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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

State of the Treasury.

In view of the fact that the General Assembly apportioned the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) among the Synods to be raised for the Board of Domestic Missions during the present fiscal year ; and, encouraged by the resolutions passed by Synods and Presbyteries, and the declarations and promises of many pastors, that that amount, at least, should be raised for the cause of Domestic Missions ; the Board has greatly expanded its operations and consequently largely increased its liabilities. Instead, however, of an increase in its receipts, they have, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, *fallen off* since the first of March last to this writing, December 8th, MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS! With this large increase of indebtedness and diminution of receipts, the Board is likely to become again embarrassed unless the churches will contribute more liberally than they have been doing. Certainly, under existing circumstances, the Board cannot prudently expand any more, and must soon decline all new appointments, unless the contributions of the churches are speedily augmented.

We regret, especially in view of the re-union which has been so recently and joyously consummated, to make the above statement ; but we feel compelled to do so from a sense of duty, and in order that the churches may prevent not only greater mortification, but serious disaster to the cause.

Applications for the occupation of new fields are received from almost every section, which the Board for want of means cannot grant. Moreover, from the same cause, the appropriations made to many of the missionaries are inadequate to their comfortable support, and some of them have informed us that they will be obliged to abandon their present fields unless their salaries are increased. These things greatly discourage and grieve, but we cannot remedy these evils without greater liberality on the part of the churches generally. Indeed matters will grow worse instead of better, unless the contributions of the patrons of the Board are speedily and largely augmented. We still hope, however, that the receipts during the remainder of the fiscal year will be much larger ; that the pledges of increased liberality which were made will be redeemed ; and that the Board instead of being obliged to contract, will be enabled still further to expand its operations.

Testimony of an Experienced Missionary.

Iowa.

Dear Brother,—My quarterly report was due on the 1st inst., but was delayed on account of my being absent at Synod. My health has not been good during the last quarter, still I have been able to perform regular service. At our last communion we received six—two by profession and four by letter. Our efforts in church building are progressing, but the season has been so unfavourable as to make it slow. It cannot be finished until next spring. But we will wait and hope on.

We have fallen a little behind with our collections for the Boards. We will be able to bring in our collection for the Board of Domestic Missions by the 1st of next month.

I have nothing of special note to report, only that the Master gives me much comfort in my work, and many evidences of his blessing. During my ministry of twenty years, most of the time as missionary of the Board, I have always been loyal to our Church, and carried out cheerfully the wishes of the Board. I like its policy now, and though a few of our brethren are a little restive, still I think it would be better for us missionaries, as a class, to have the policy of the Board carried out, and its funds distributed through its regular channels. Special efforts made outside of the Board are necessarily restricted to certain communities, while brethren just as worthy and just as needy are left out, and to some extent must suffer by it. I have always found that my people will do the most for me when I am the least concerned about my salary, and the Board does the most for me when I work on without *growling*, willing to take what it is able to give. May God bless the Board, fill its treasury, and enable it to greatly enlarge its operations, until our beloved Presbyterian Church shall plant its standard, and proclaim its pure doctrines at every point all over the great West.

Yours very truly, S. J.

Remarkable Success.

Missouri.

To-day, my twenty-ninth birthday, closes my last quarter for three years' labour at this point as a missionary of the Domestic Board. Our church has resolved henceforth to stand alone. Three years ago began our labours at this point. Then there were but a handful of members, with a "Union" Sabbath-school, the church raising no salary, and the Declaration and Testimony schism had just arisen. Now, by the grace of God, we have a communion membership of one hundred and forty-eight, all but six of whom have united in these three years; we have a large and prosperous Presbyterian Sabbath-school; and a united church, able to raise a salary of one thousand dollars per year. Then no benevolent enterprise was remembered; now we take up collections for all our Boards. We owe to you our growth, yes, our life. And in bidding you farewell, it is like taking leave of a kind mother, who had fed and nourished us. God bless our Board of Domestic Missions, and may it ever be remembered and sustained by those whom it has supported. Accept the thanks of our family for the prompt kindness and sympathy you have shown us.

Yours fraternally, E. M.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Kingsborough ch 51 54; Tribes Hill ch 7 02; Amsterdam ch 13 91; Mayfield ch 10 40. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch Syracuse 200; Oneida ch 150: Oswego 1st ch 130 77 \$563 64

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Scrub Grass ch 38; Centre ch 25. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch Allegheny City 152 11; Sharpsburg ch 44 18; Manchester ch 43 80; Leetsdale ch 29 15; Cross Roads ch 40; Mission ch, Cross Roads 8. *Pby of Beaver*—Slippery Rock ch Sab-sch 1 78; Mahoning ch 28 47. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch Erie 68; Sturgeonville ch 9; Washington ch 6 60; Milledgeville ch 10 504 09

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Havre de Grace ch 50; Taneytown ch 89 56. *Pby of Carlisle*—Harrisburg ch 208 79; Seventh St ch, Harrisburg 20; Lower Path Valley and Burnt Cabins chs, part contents of Jamie Gordon's Missionary box 50 cts; Barton ch 15 85; Williamsport ch Md 15 31; Shippensburg ch 78 65; Emmitsburg ch 14 09; Middle Spring ch 76 45; Green Castle ch 80; Waynesborough ch 35; Piney Creek ch 13 80. *Pby of Leves*—Cool Spring ch 10. *Pby of Potomac*—Alexander 1st ch 10 718 00

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch 45; Sparta 1st ch 17 40; Portageville ch 20; Bath ch 27 72. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Oswegatchie 2d ch 20. *Pby of Rochester City*—Phelps ch 27; Port Byron ch 38 20; Rochester 3d ch 143 40 338 72

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Edgington ch 12; Beulah ch and Sab-sch 5 60; Aledo 1st ch 20; Andover ch 6 50; Genesee ch 7; Pleasant Ridge ch 2 50; Camden ch 12 50, of which 5 50 from the Sab-sch. *Pby of Chicago*—Manteno ch 41 70, of which Sab-sch 4 50 and a little boy's missionary box 2 09; Aurora 1st ch 9 55; Howard ch 5 75; Elgin ch 13, of which Sab-sch 9 50; Queen Ann Ger ch 5 02; Marengo ch 10 90; Kankakee 1st ch 9 45; Fullerton Avenue ch and Sab-sch Chicago 50. *Pby of Rock River*—Freeport 2d ch 15; Rock River ch 3 59. *Pby of Schuyler*—Carthage ch 30; Pittsfield ch 12 15; Chili ch 7; Basco ch 3; Ipava ch 24; Camp Creek ch 13. *Pby of Warren*—Oneida ch 3; Monmouth ch 46 40; John Knox ch 12 50; Bushnell ch 6 70 387 81

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SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—New Plymouth ch 10. *Pby of Marion*—Marseilles ch 7 75. *Pby of Richland*—Olivesburg ch 10; Shelby ch 13 51; Ashtland ch 64 39. *Pby of Wooster*—Fredericksburg ch 80. *Pby of Zanesville*—Zanesville 2d ch 46; Cambridge ch 34; Rush Creek ch 7; Bethel ch 3 275 65

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Bellevue ch 18 90. *Pby of Huntingdon*—East Freedom ch 20; Milesburg ch 20; Shady Gap ch, quarterly contribution 8 38; Hollidaysburg ch, semi-annual coll 50, of which 10 12 from the Sab-

sch; Alexandria ch Sab-sch 10; Snow Shoe and Moshannon ch 8 90; Pine Grove ch 17 31, of which 1 12 from the Sab-sch; Spruce Creek ch 217 55; Sinking Valley ch 26 39; Birmingham ch 87; Osceola ch 8 20. *Pby of New Castle*—Forks of Brandywine ch 58 77; Green Hill ch 33 25, of which 15 from the Sab-sch; Lower Brandywine ch 13 20; Coatesville ch 38; New Castle ch, from Mrs M B Couper 30, Miss Matilda Janvier 4 60, Miss Kinkead 3, Mrs Doufuch 1, Mrs Cannon 1, Mrs Black 1, Mrs John Janvier 5, Mrs Taggart 5, Miss Amanda Nivan 2, Miss Scofield 10, Mrs Gray 5, Wm Couper and family 65, Mrs Spotswood 5, Rev Dr Spotswood 10 = 147 60; Port Deposit ch 20 61. *Pby of Northumberland*—Mahoning ch 42 35; New Berlin ch 12 60. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Second ch Phila 101 48; Tenth ch, from S 10, J R S 10, S C S 50 = 160; West Spruce St ch Sab-sch 60; Arch St ch 365 68; 7th ch, from Miss C H 13; 15th ch Phila 22 70; Woodland ch 98 93 = 132 63. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Jacksonville ch, Fla 63 15; Colchocksink ch 71 89; Kensington ch 150; North Tenth St ch 58 27; Rev George W Musgrave, D. D. L. L. D. 50; West Arch St ch 70 60; North ch, Infant Sab-sch 6; Great Valley ch 25. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Port Kennedy ch 45 17; Bethlehem ch 15 87, of which 4 87 from the Sab-sch; Norristown 1st ch 57; Newtown ch 43 11 2,335 86

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH—*Pby of Blairsville*—Armagh ch 16 50; Centreville ch 12; New Alexandria ch 147 44, of which 10 82 from the Sab-sch; Greensburgh ch 40. *Pby of Clarion*—Clarion ch 59 23, of which 5 23 from the Sab-sch; Licking ch, add'l 16 36; Leatherwood ch 11 27; Rehoboth ch 31. *Pby of Ohio*—Bellefield ch 37 36; Shady Side ch 207 70; Miller's Run ch 20 25; Hopewell ch 7 12. *Pby of Redstone*—New Providence ch 20; Greensborough ch 5; George's Creek ch 13; McKeesport ch 14 14. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Bethesda ch 7 85; Elder's Ridge ch 22 63; West Lebanon ch 20 07 708 92

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL—*Pby of Chippewa*—Hixton ch 5. *Pby of St Paul*—Hudson 1st ch 10; St Anthony ch 41; Forest ch 10 10; Dundas ch 7 05; St Peter's 1st ch 15 90. *Pby of St Minnesota*—Wasceca ch 5 10; Lake City ch 24 50; Owatonna 1st ch 12 130 65

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY—*Pby of Findlay*—Findlay 1st ch 154 40; Ottawa ch 4. *Pby of Maumee*—Toledo 1st ch 13 47; West Bethesda ch 5. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch. Grand Rapids 16 64; South Lyon ch 17. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch, Cleveland 23, of which 3 67 from the Sab-sch; Springfield ch 5 233 51

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA—*Pby of Colorado*—Denver City ch 21. *Pby of Des Moines*—Corydon ch 5. *Pby of Fairfield*—Bloomfield ch 5 25; Fairfield ch 12 45; Crawfordville ch 7 25. *Pby of Iowa*—Middletown ch, add'l 11; Evangelical St Peter's ch 11 65; Oakland ch 7. *Pby of Missouri River*—Council Bluffs ch 150 75; Clarinda ch 12 52 243 87

SYNOD OF WHEELING—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Hubbard ch 19 20; Rehoboth ch 10 80. *Pby of St Clarksville*—Morristown ch 10 81. *Pby of Steubenville*—Uhricksville ch 15; New Philadelphia ch 17; Wellsville ch 20 25; Big Spring ch 16 25; New Cumberland ch 6 25. *Pby of Washington*—Wheeling 4th ch 10; Fairview ch 3 25; Forks of Wheeling ch 218, of which 28 36 from Mt Leon Sab-sch; Washington 1st ch Sab-sch 40; West Alexander ch 14, of which mo con 6, and Interest on bequest 2; Upper Ten Mile ch 15; Wheeling 1st ch, add'l 45; Pigeon Creek ch 51 16; Mt Prospect ch 28; New Cumberland ch 50. *Pby of West Virginia*—French Creek ch 24; Buckhannon ch 5; Morgantown ch 27 80 647 77

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN—*Pby of Dane*—Pulaski ch 4; Richland Centre ch 3 50; Richland City ch 3 50; Fancy Creek ch 3 50. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Waukesha ch 25. *Pby of Winnebago*—Weyauwega ch 3; Kilbourne City ch 10 52 50

Total received from churches, \$12,975 60

LEGACIES.—Balance of Legacy of Wm Hemp-

stead, dec'd, late of Galena, Ill, per agreement 200; Legacy of Eliz. Beth Cowan, dec'd, late of Boyle Co, Ky 300; Legacy in part of Hon Edward Avery, dec'd, late of Ohio 100, less tax and exchange 6 23 = 93 77; Legacy in part of Mrs Martha Parks, late of Peoria Co, Ill 33 50; Legacy of Mrs Rebecca Hunt, late of New York State, less tax 225 60; Patterson estate, Pittsburgh, Pa 108 75 961 62

MISCELLANEOUS.—Six months' interest on Permanent Missionary Fund, from the Trustees of the General Assembly 495 02; Robert O Colt, Esq, N Y 100; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Seminary, N J 110; Mrs R A Lloyd, Mo 5; "A Friend," Buffalo, Pa 5; A Chapman, Alquina, Ill 5; R R P 5; "A funeral fee," W H M 5; A Lady Friend 2; Mrs E H. Phila 10; Miss M H. Phila 3 50; A Friend, Greenvilla, Pa 5; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 10; A Friend 100 860 52

Total Receipts in November, 1869, \$14,797 74

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,

No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of Lancaster ch, Pa, valued at \$55 00
 1 box from the ladies of Unity ch, Pa, valued at 50 00
 1 box and barrel from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Peekskill 1st ch, N Y, valued at 403 00
 1 box from the ladies of Park ch, Erie, Pa, valued at 331 62
 1 box from the ladies of Chester ch, Pa, valued at 162 15
 1 box from the ladies of Germantown 2d ch, Pa, valued at 348 63
 1 box from the ladies of Hollidaysburg ch, Pa, value not given.
 1 box from the ladies of Wilmington 1st ch, valued at 122 50
 1 box from the ladies of Throop Avenue ch, Brooklyn, N Y, valued at 296 22
 1 box from the ladies of Mercer 1st ch, Pa, valued at 83 68
 1 box from the ladies of New York Avenue ch, Washington, D C, valued at 222 95
 1 box from the ladies of Milton ch, Pa, valued at 130 55
 1 box from the ladies of Germantown 1st ch, Pa, valued at 442 50
 1 box from the ladies of Hackettstown ch, N J, valued at 280 00
 1 box from the ladies of North ch, Chicago, Ill, valued at 162 00
 1 box from the ladies of Thornton ch, Ind, valued at 140 00
 1 box from the ladies of Washington 1st ch, Pa, valued at 243 34
 1 box from the ladies of Great Valley ch, Pa, valued at 146 85
 1 box from the ladies of Beaver Falls ch, Pa, valued at 200 00
 1 box from the ladies of Princeton 2d ch, N J, valued at 275 00
 1 box from the ladies of Burlington ch, N J, valued at 225 00
 1 box from the ladies of Pittsburgh 2d ch, Pa, valued at 186 00
 \$1,506 99

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

For I will pour water on him that is thirsty,
 And floods upon the dry ground :
 I will pour my spirit upon thy seed,
 And my blessing upon thy offspring :
 And they shall spring up as among the grass,
 As willows by the water courses.
 One shall say, I am the Lord's,
 And another shall call himself by the name of Jacob ;
 And another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord,
 And surname himself by the name of Israel.—ISAIAH XLIV. 2-5.

An Actual Step towards the Conversion of the World.

PRaise GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
 PRaise HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;
 PRaise HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST;
 PRaise FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST.

Never, on this continent, perhaps never on earth, was this grand anthem of adoration, of gratitude, and of new consecration to the blest work of publishing salvation, until all creatures here below join in it on earth, and until the angels of God rejoice in accordance with it in heaven, sung with more emotion than it was at the great Union Meeting at Pittsburgh, which made finally one the two long dissevered branches of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. No other words, inspired or uninspired, seemed so to meet the feelings, hopes, and purposes of the ministry, eldership and people gathered there from every portion of the land.

There was a text of scripture also, which seemed to burthen many hearts, and come forth in the supplications and remarks of the brethren. It was from the Saviour's great intercessory prayer.

"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE; AS THOU, FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US; THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME."

It is a joyful day when these separated parts are made ONE!

Seven years ago, when the General Assembly of the Old School branch met at Columbus, Ohio, it resolved "to take the initiative in securing a better understanding of the relations which it judges are proper to be maintained between the two General Assemblies" "by proposing a stated annual and friendly interchange of commissioners between the two General Assemblies," but postponed further action, with the assurance that the next General Assembly would "kindly consider any proposition for such reunion as may then be properly before them." The next year, at Peoria, such a proposition was presented from a Convention of Old and New School ministers in the Northwest, whose recommendations were adopted, as a further means "to prepare the way for a union that shall be harmonious and permanently promotive of the interests of truth and vital godliness."

The memorial from that Convention, which was presented in each of the Assemblies of that year, pled for the union from the missionary standpoint. It

mourned over "the separation which exists between the two parts of what was one body, and that the chief representative of spiritual Christianity, and the most zealous and blessed agents in its extension," as one of "the obstacles that impede the progress of the gospel." It declared: "We see no longer any substantial ground for postponing the returning to formal unity, fellowship, and peace; the complete healing of the old grievous wound to the honoured and dear Church of our fathers; the final removal of an unwilling stain upon the name and truth of our blessed Saviour, that we may be made perfect in one, and that the world may so be led to believe his word and know his love to us." It pled the wants of the missionary fields of our country, especially of many portions of the Northwest, the Mississippi Valley, and the Pacific Coast; saying, "we are grieved to the heart for the future of the Presbyterian Church in these vast and important regions, should it not henceforth be animated and energized by a new unity, fire, and exertion." It deprecated some of the irregular and unsatisfactory plans for union, which had been suggested; and said we "stand here in the fields where the Church is striving to obey the last great command of her risen Lord, and in our weakness and anxiety implore the Supreme Courts of our once united Church to consider whether it be not now possible to institute steps towards restoring that unity, and towards inaugurating a more zealous fulfilment of our duty to millions of perishing souls, and to the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And now, how is THE WORLD to know, and to believe, that the Father sent Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners, and the love which the Father, and we, and the Church bought by his blood, bear to each other?

There can be but one answer to this question. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

If this Presbyterian union be of Christ, it is certain that the immediate fruits will be, first, a fervent love for fellow-members of the same holy faith; second, a burning zeal, like that of the primitive disciples, to make "the world" know of Christ's mercy in coming to save sinners; third, the consecration, by those who are not able to *go*, of all the means necessary to *send* the glad tidings to every creature; fourth, a great increase in the number of preachers, the preparation of those who can go with all the education and other help they need effectively to perform their work, and the training of sons and daughters from infancy to honour above all other callings that of the heralds who bring these good tidings, and publish salvation.

And now in these efforts may we see eye to eye, stand shoulder to shoulder, march with equal step, lift up together the voice of encouragement, and soon join in the same songs of victory, when the Lord hath made bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Rising of the Tide.

It is a very pleasant thing to be enabled to encourage the hearts of Christians with the information that the number of candidates for the ministry received under the care of the Board during the past eight months has been greater than that in the same portion of any preceding year, except one, since the revival period of 1832-36. Ninety new candidates have during it been added to our roll. The exception was in the year after the revival of 1858, when the number received from May to December was one hundred and nineteen. The years that came nearest up to the present, in the past thirty-four, were 1858, when eighty-four were received

in the eight months named; 1860 and 1867, when there were seventy-four in each; and 1854, when there were seventy-three.

The Board devoutly thanks God for this indication of his favour to the Church, and to this department of its work, and prays that the number of young men entering the service of Christ in the ministry may go on increasing until it shall be in some degree commensurate with the wants of our national territory, and of the antichristian and heathen world.

And it is most gratifying to be able also to say that we have been enabled to exercise unusual liberality in the number of *extra* appropriations granted to students without having been compelled to borrow money. There is not enough in the treasury to meet the quarter's appropriation which is now due, but we trust in the providence of a kind Father, and in the interest of Christians in this work, to bear us through.

The apparent rising of the waters encourages us. But let us remember how much more numerous the church membership now than a generation ago; how much greater the means of doing good; and how manifold the openings, in all the world, to those who are ready to obey the command to go and enter it all with the offers of the gospel. Let us pray the Lord to pour his Spirit upon our seed, and His blessing upon our offspring, so that one of them shall say, "I am the Lord's," and another shall subscribe upon his hand, "For the Lord," and many thus go forth to fight the battle of the Messiah.

Who Shall be Baptized for the Dead?

During the year which has closed some of the best ministers of the Church have finished their course, having fought a good fight, and kept the faith. They have ascended to receive the award of a crown of righteousness. Are there not many young men, who have been taught by the lips of these men, or of others now in glory, and who have seen their zealous lives and happy deaths, to whom the voice of flocks untended, unfed, unguarded, comes anxiously: Who shall be baptized for the dead?

Faithful evangelists have perished in striving to carry forward the work of the gospel, and preached Christ where he has not been named. Who shall be baptized for these noble dead?

Death has made sad ravages of late in the corps of foreign missionaries. Who shall catch up their weapons, fill up the gap in the ranks, and renew the faltering shouts of the host pressing on to victory? Who shall be baptized for the dead soldiers of the Cross?

And death is cutting down some who have not yet been allowed to share in the march and the fray. Who shall be baptized for the dead sons consecrated to the work of the ministry by believing parents; but taken away in their youth? A father in the ministry, in a Western State, answers the question by the announcement that one promising son at college having been removed, he has besought the Lord to accept the younger brother; and his prayers have been heard, and the heart of the young man so moved from on high that he has willingly offered himself as a candidate.

Nor is it alone the places of the dead that are to be filled. The war demands a larger force in every part of the field, and in every department of the army. Christian teachers, Christian physicians, Christian editors, Christian makers and interpreters of the laws, Christian givers of money, Christian visitors of the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, Christians to work, Christians to pray—what reinforcements, what new draughts are needed? Who are to be baptized, for all that Christ has to do for his name's sake and the Gentiles; not with water only, but with the Holy Ghost and with fire? May the promised gift come not many days hence. Let us pray for it with one accord.

Hopes and Fears of a Student.

Well is it for a soul when it lies in such a posture, humble, believing, yet resolute to do and to suffer all that Christ commands, as the following extract of a recent letter from a student indicates :

"If it please Him, the wise disposer of all events, to spare my life until I may be prepared to enter the ministry, I mean to offer myself as a willing candidate for some missionary field of labour. If convenient, will you please give me all the information you can, that I may ever be found preparing myself for that work. I feel that there is a great need of more labourers in the missionary field. Pray for me that I may be diligent in preparation, and that I may be faithful to Him, who I trust has called me to labour in his vineyard. I feel that I need the prayers of God's people. When I examine myself I find nothing but sin. My coldness in the service of the Lord causes me pain, and often I feel as though I were not one of his children. The words of the hymn meet my case :

"Tis a point I long to know,
Oft it causes anxious thought,
Do I love the Lord or no?
Am I His, or am I not?"

"No doubt this is the experience of many believers ; but still at times causes much pain, that 'when I would do good, evil is present with me.' I again ask an interest in your prayers and those also of your worthy associates, that I may be faithful and diligent in the performance of all duties."

Yes, my young brother, but who shall deliver you from this body of this death? You may find the voice of thanksgiving to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Paul lived this dying life day by day. And so have some of later days. Robert Boyle, a son of the Earl of Cork, born to wealth and honour, found the emptiness of both ; one of the leading philosophers of his time, the discoverer of some fundamental laws of pneumatics and colours, the founder of the Royal Society, he counted it his greatest privilege and happiness to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and to largely employ his influence and property in sending missionaries of the gospel to destitute parts of his own and foreign countries, especially to America. And this was his motto, a memorable and inspiring one, which we might well make our own : "I am crucified with Christ ; nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me : and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." And that Son of God said : "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN NOVEMBER, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebenezer ch 12 50; Pleasant Valley ch 13; Sunbury ch 5 42	\$30 92	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Holmesburg ch 12 84; Cohocksink ch Sab-sch 31 45; Chestnut Hill ch 75	122 29
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Charlton ch 11; Albany 2d ch 92 13	103 13	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch	51 65
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Calvary ch	6 50	<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Fairmount ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Schuylburg</i> —Saltsburgh ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Bloomington ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Fairfield ch	11 15	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Muscatine Ger ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch, of which 3 95 from Sab-sch	33 95
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —North Salem ch 9; Port Chester ch 25	34 60	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Sullivan ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Leon ch 2; Decatur City ch 1	3 00	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Newburgh ch 3; Ringwood ch 2	5 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch	41 65	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Pigeon Creek ch	111 41
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Bloomington 1st ch 2; Monroe ch 7; Liberty ch 3	12 00		\$1082 97
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Altoona 1st ch	43 71		
<i>Pby of Lewes</i> —Cool Spring ch	5 50		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Plymouth ch 10; Summit Hill ch, "P" 10	20 00		
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Blackbird Hills ch	3 00		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Belvidere ch 45; Greenwich ch 34	79 00		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Hamilton Square ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Palisades ch	10 14		
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —S Greenburg ch	72 23		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Newtown ch 56; Springfield ch 14	70 00		
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	36 85		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch	67 84		
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Alexandria 1st ch Sab-sch	5 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch Sab-sch	40 00		

LEGACIES.

Estate of Wm Hempsted, Galena, balance of 200;
Estate of Hon Edward Avery balance 100, less tax, 94

MISCELLANEOUS.

"T Y N," Princeton, N J 2; Mrs Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 10; Rev C K Fisk, Delavan, Ill. 1; Patterson Estate, Pa, per Rev Geo Marshall, D.D., 108 75

Total amount acknowledged, \$1,498 72

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—Among the Seminoles, two, both men of considerable influence, and one of them “quite an old man, who had been a leader in all the heathen customs and a stout opposer of Christianity;” at Rio de Janeiro, three, two of them native Brazilians, and one a German; at Sorocaba, Brazil, two; at Mynpurie, India, two; at Harrisburg, Liberia, three, and one by letter—of whom three are scholars in the Alexander High School. The annual report of the Benita station, Africa, mentions that the catechumen class consists of twenty-five members, twelve of whom applied for admission to the church; only one was received, a woman; “seven of the others were in every respect acceptable, but were deferred for a single reason. Liquor is one of the master evils of this coast, and we are compelled to take a high, firm stand. These young men are temperate, and even total abstainers, but they had not strength to refuse compliance with a certain native custom, requiring the giving of rum and gin in marriage dowries. The church members have generally stood well against the prevailing sins. . . . There have been during the year,” the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., adds, “baptisms, nine; two of which were infants; restorations, two; excommunications, two; suspensions, five; whole number of members, forty-three.”

ENCOURAGING AND DISCOURAGING.—The Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D., thus speaks of the state of the church at his station, Ambala, India. “During the year, nine have been added to the communion of the church. One has apostatized and become a Musulman; two have died; five have gone to other places; and four have been guilty of such gross inconsistencies that the session has been compelled to cite them for trial. Once they have paid no attention to the citation, and will in all probability treat the second citation in the same way. So as to numbers we are weaker than at the beginning of the year, and far weaker as to moral influence.”

OF THE WORK AMONG THE CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA,—The Rev. A. W. Loomis writes, “Although I have allowed the American Tract Society to take Chen Chung [one of the native assistants connected with the mission of the Board for some time.] I have sent out another, a new man; he has been for some time a member of the church, and has been very active and consistent, and growing in knowledge and stability.” Mr. Loomis then speaks of some drawbacks to the usefulness of this man, but on the whole he hopes for much good from his labours. He writes further, “Another young man is a candidate for baptism, and I was prepared to receive him at our last communion, but he seemed not quite ready for it in his own mind, and therefore it was not pressed on him at all.”

OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL AT CHEFOO, Miss C. B. Downing says, “We can report more than ordinary good conduct and progress, and I trust most, if not all, who asked for baptism months ago, really love the Saviour. Their lives are very consistent. They are very young yet.”

MORE MEN CALLED FOR in the Corisco Mission.—The Rev. C. De Heer mentions that seven persons had joined the catechumen class under his charge, in a public and solemn manner. And he speaks with urgency of the need of more men in that mission. So also do other members of the mission. The Rev. J. Menaul refers earnestly to this matter; and he makes a remark which we quote as of much practical importance. “There is a class of men whom this country, in my opinion, would really benefit; for instance, men with symptoms of lung trouble

of any kind, or who inherit lung diseases. These, I really believe, would add to their days by a life in Africa, if their cases were not complicated with heart or liver diseases. These two last, diseases of the heart and of the liver, are rapidly matured here. No one ought to come here with tendencies to these diseases, or if they come, not knowing it, they should return home again as soon as they can. They would bring their days to a speedy end in this climate."

VARIOUS NOTICES.—Mr. William Gamble has resigned the superintendency of the Printing Press of the Board at Shanghai. Under his care this establishment has been conducted with great skill and vigour, and has become large and unusually complete. It is now placed under the charge of the Rev. J. Wherry. The Rev. C. F. Preston of Canton, China, says, "I am at work at the Colloquial New Testament, and revising my lectures to the boys in Church History." The Rev. H. V. Noyes, of the same mission, says, "G. Nye, Jr., Esq., of whom I presume you have often heard, gave us the other day for the use of the schools a telescope, the original cost of which was five hundred dollars." The Rev. J. L. Nevius, D.D., was at Hangchow, China, where he would spend several months, engaged in the duties of training a theological class of young men preparing for the ministry. Mrs. Nevius remains at their station, Tungchow, having charge of the school for girls formerly under the care of Mrs. Mills, both consenting to this trying separation at what seems to be the call of duty. The brethren in Japan write of their having rented a small native house in Yedo, which would be fitted up as a temporary residence for the Rev. C. Carrothers and his wife. The Rev. D. Thompson had received, some months ago, an invitation from a native chief to take charge of a school in his territory. This proposal was regarded with much interest, but no decision had been reached as to accepting it.

ARRIVALS OUT.—Miss Dascomb and Miss Greenman arrived at Rio de Janeiro, October 24th, and were warmly welcomed by the missionaries. The Rev. L. W. Eckard and his wife arrived at Yokohama, November 1st, on their way to the Shantung Mission. The Rev. E. P. Capp has reached Shanghai, on his way to the same mission. And the arrival of the Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., at Peking is reported.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE MISSION TREASURY, from May 1st to December 1st, from the churches, legacies, and miscellaneous donors, were \$79,885; last year, in the same months, \$80,023. From churches, this year, \$835 more; from legacies \$2,130 more; from miscellaneous \$3,110 less. Showing the remarkable result of less than \$150 difference between the aggregate receipts of these months in two years; but also showing, it must be noted with regret, that the income of these months, this year, has not increased in proportion to the increased expenditures.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 14TH.—From Omaha, December 3d; Creek, November 9th; Seminole, November 22d; San Francisco, November 30th; Yokohama, October 26th; Peking, October 6th; Chefoo, October 13th; Hangchow, October 14th; Shanghai, October 20th; Canton, October 16th; Futtehgurh, October 4th; Mynpurie, October 12th; Rurkhi, October 15th; Landour, October 18th; Ambala, October 22d; Lahor, October 11th; Rawal Pindi, September 28th; Monrovia, October 31st; Corisco, September 27th; Benita, September 30th; Sao Paulo, October 18th; Rio de Janeiro, October 26th.

"The Chinese Question."

This phrase, so often heard now-a-days, relates to the emigration of Chinese to this country. Some suppose that we are to be deluged with them. Repressive

measures are advocated to keep them from coming here. Politicians have foolishly, if not wickedly, made this question one of their means of carrying the election of certain persons to office, at the instance, or in the supposed interest, of the less intelligent class of voters. Railroad men, manufacturers, planters, housekeepers, and many others, have been led to feel a special interest in the effects of this emigration on the industry and business of the country. Religious people have felt a proper solicitude as to the coming of vast multitudes of heathens amongst us, and the measures which ought to be taken for their instruction. It is for this reason, passing by others, that we refer to the subject here.

We do not doubt that many Chinamen will come to this country—Chinese *men*; it will be long, we apprehend for various reasons, before many Chinese *women* will come. A few of these will be brought here, but they will be few in comparison with the number of men, at any rate for a long time. And in this fact we see one reason for believing that no vast multitude of Chinese will soon be found in our country. There is no class of people here with whom they could intermarry, as Chinese emigrants do in Siam and the islands of the Chinese Archipelago; and as the Chinese are a people who make much of family life, it is easy to see the bearing of this consideration on the general question. Another restriction will be found in their religious belief and customs as connected with the burial of the dead. Every Chinaman wishes to be buried amongst his kindred. In this universal desire, and the religious belief and observances which chiefly create it, though it is also confirmed by long usage, we see how it is that so many of the Chinese return to their native country. Every steamer carries back a large number of these emigrants, living or in their coffins; and the number now in this country is greatly less than the whole number that arrived since 1848. We may safely believe that until their religious and social life become greatly changed, they will not be found living in vast multitudes amongst us.

Nevertheless many thousands will come, expecting to stay a few years, faithfully keeping their engagements, peacefully working in their lot, earning a few hundred dollars as a fortune, and then going back to their old homes. We speak now not of the few merchants, men of means, nor of the few professional men, persons of intelligence and culture, but of the far greater part of those who will come, belonging to the labouring classes.

These Chinese are brought here to learn new ideas, which they will carry back to China, and thereby do much to change the state of things there. They are brought here, some of them, let us hope many of them, to learn the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, as have a few of them already. They are brought here to arouse the attention of the Christian Church of this land, so that the work of sending the gospel to the Chinese in their own country may be greatly enlarged. This work among the Chinese here is prosecuted in some respects at a disadvantage. These emigrants are not often permanent settlers. They are here without their families; very few women and children are among them. They can seldom understand our language, and few of our people understand theirs, so as to have satisfactory communication on religious subjects. And yet they must not be neglected. We regard our missionary work among them, and our devoted missionary, Mr. Loomis, with the greatest interest. But after all, though the mission of our Church to the Chinese in California is of great interest and has been attended with much encouragement, yet the great and main work of the Church for the Chinese is and must long be in China itself.

In another column we insert some statistics of Chinese emigration, taken from a San Francisco newspaper.

Arrival of Chinese Immigrants at San Francisco.

From tables published in the *Bulletin* yesterday, it appears that our net gain of population by sea arrivals for the eight months succeeding January 1st, 1869, was 21,624. Of this number, however, a larger proportion than usual were Chinese, the whole number of that people who arrived being in the neighbourhood of 11,000. This figure, however, ought not to be taken as representing the net gain, for what with the return of Chinese to their own country and the departure of many to other States and Territories, there has probably been little addition to the number of Chinese in the State a year ago. If the exact number of Chinese that arrived in eight months this year was 11,000, that would give an average of 1,375 a month, and the same ratio for the remaining four months of 1869 would make a total of 16,500. With one exception, this is a larger number of Chinese than ever arrived in California in one year. As long ago as 1852 the total number of Chinese arrivals at this port was 18,434; and the excess of arrivals over departures was 16,378. The next largest arrival was in 1854, when over 15,000 were landed here and 12,677 remained. The arrivals during the five years previous to 1869 showed a considerable falling off as compared with all earlier years up to 1852; while the ratio of departures to arrivals was larger in the five years referred to, and in three of them there was actually an excess of departures of 1,182, while at the same time the departures by land to adjoining States and Territories were very numerous, and, with the deaths, effected a considerable reduction of the Chinese population of California.

But for the marked increase of arrivals during the present year, we should be warranted in assuming that the Chinese immigration was abating. From the best information obtainable, the number of arrivals during twenty years, from 1848 to 1868, inclusive, was, in round numbers, 108,000. This would give an annual average of only 5,400; but as the arrivals for the first four years of that period aggregated only about 3,500, we shall obtain a more correct result by calculating on the basis of 104,900 arrivals in sixteen years, which gives an average of 6,531 per annum. The actual arrivals per year ranged from 18,423 in 1862, as the highest number, to 2,351 in 1866, the lowest number. It is inter-

esting to observe that while the arrivals from 1852 to 1863, inclusive, a period of eleven years, aggregated 88,402, showing an average of over 8,000 per annum, the arrivals from 1864 to 1868, inclusive, a period of five years, aggregated but 16,098, showing an average of only 3,219. For the longer period named the excess of arrivals over departures was 55,759, or an average of 6,069 per annum; while for the shorter and later period, the excess of arrivals over departures was only 4,972, or an average of about 994 per annum. The statistics to which we refer also show that of the total number of Chinese passengers in twenty years, 3,766 were females, a greater part of whom arrived between 1853 and 1864, though larger numbers have arrived within the last twelve months than in any equal period before.

These comparative statements tend to sustain the views frequently advanced in the *Bulletin*, that so long as the Chinese movement to America is clear of any forcing influence from abroad, and left to voluntary impulse, it does not threaten an undue influx. The right thing is simply to leave it to itself, and watch results, taking care that there shall be no importation of coolies under subterfuges that evade local prohibitions.—*San Francisco Bulletin*, September 30th.

Opposition to Missions in China.

The Rev. W. T. Morrison writes as follows under date, at Peking, of September 1st, 1869.

Sir Rutherford Alcock has been writing to his government advocating a restrictive policy with reference to Protestant Missionary operations in the interior of China. Lord Clarendon, in a speech delivered in the House of Lords, represents him as saying that the missionaries should confine themselves to the Treaty Ports, and exercising even there great judgment. The grounds of his opinion, as given in despatches to England, are the implacable hostility entertained by the Chinese officials towards all missionaries, and the injury to trade which will result if they reside in the interior. These despatches further allude to the objectionable mode of procedure of Protestant Missionaries, their imperfections, their disputes with each other, and with the Roman Catholic Missionaries, their sympathy with the Taiping rebels, and the revolutionary nature of the doctrines which they teach,

as proofs that no good can come out of such instrumentality.

The publicity given to these opinions by Lord Clarendon, has called forth a reply to the despatches from the English missionaries residing in Peking. It is shown that missionaries suffer the hostility of the Chinese because they are foreigners. They often have to bear the reproach of the misdeeds of their countrymen. A case in point is given: A missionary was driven out of Honan by a mob led on by the native gentry, whose feeling was shown by shouting these words after him, "You burned our Palace, you killed our Emperor, you sell poison to the people, now you come professing to teach us virtue." Missionaries must be bound that commerce may be free. In other words, that England may increase her sales of opium to this people. In 1867 the total import of opium was forty-five millions of taels, or about sixty millions of dollars. The total value of tea and silk exported during the same year was forty-nine and a half millions of taels, or over sixty-five millions of dollars. The honorable minister would have Christianity follow in the wake of opium. Their answer to his other points may be briefly summed up, irrelevancy of proof, misapprehension of facts, attributing to the body of Protestant Missionaries opinions which were only held by individuals of their number.

The paper reminds one of 1800 rather than of 1869. It seems incredible that a minister of a Christian nation should be so unmindful of the obligations of his own country to Christianity, the history of the century, English experience in India, the needs of heathenism, and so urge a policy so detrimental to missionary work. The question occurs at once, suppose his policy adopted, and English Missionaries are confined to the ports, will this help trade so long as Catholic Missionaries and American Missionaries are allowed to have free access to the country? Can he suppose that France and the United States would follow any such policy in reference to their missionaries? Can he dream that English Missionaries could be so confined to the ports while those of other nations were not? Surely he must greatly mistake the temper of the British people.

The Work at Bolenda.

At Bolenda Miss I. A. Nassau has the charge of a school and of other in-

teresting efforts to spread a knowledge of our religion among the natives of this part of Africa. She is aided by an esteemed young woman of piety from Liberia, and by some native Christian helpers; and they are all within a short distance of the main station at Benita, which is occupied by her brother, the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., and Mrs. Nassau. Miss Nassau's letter is dated September 4th, 1869, and refers to various matters of interest.

While I have no single incident of special interest to relate, the routine of our work at this little sub-station will not be without its interest for you; for your own encouraging words have sometimes reminded me that much of our work must be in the "daily round, the common task," in the prayerful, unwearying sowing, in steadfast faith and hope awaiting the reaping. I fear I am not as patient as I should be, for often my heart sinks, sinks, sinks at the thought,—perhaps I may *not* have the dear pleasure of knowing that one of all those for whom I work and pray has really and truly learned to know and love the Saviour.

While writing the above line, I had in my mind the case of a young man, brother of one of the catechumens, who recently received a gunshot wound in the side of his neck. In their native fear of death, they thought he would die, and because my brother was away from home at Gaboon, having accompanied Sister Mary thither for the benefit of baby Charlie's health, some of the men came to ask my advice and assistance; I could render them little aid beyond *encouraging* them with words and visits. The iron which had been used in shot was extracted and the man has recovered; but I have been so deeply interested, hoping that this would prove a turning point in his life, that he has been a frequent subject of my thoughts and prayers; just now I was interrupted by his entrance; he had come to see me before he should return to his home on the other side of the river. Perhaps he will forget the kindness of God in preserving his life; forget the promises which his lips have made; I pray he may not. Yet, since such is often the case in Christian America, need we wonder that it is so here, where there is such a fearful power of temptation and so little ele-

vating influence. The young man to whom I have referred, left me with his promise and my warning word.

One of the young men who assists me in the English Department of the school, himself a most ardent Christian, being brought into the mission when a little boy, by Mr. Clemens, and attributing his conversion to the blessed instrumentality of Rev. Mr. Paull, (he writes his English name George Paull), this young man met a company of people in one of the near towns, who were disputing; drawing near the group he found the subject was Christianity; no professed Christians were present and he was astonished to find the side of Christianity sustained by a man, who has but recently come from the other side of the river, (where at present all the factories are); he is a bold, and has the reputation of being a very *bad* man, or rather *having* been so; this was something encouraging, and my young teacher and myself rejoiced together over it. The bold native sustainer of Christianity has made most rapid progress in his reading, frequently assuring me that he has great need to learn to read. We very seldom hear of active opposition to the preaching or speaking of the word. As the catechumens and active church members return from their various journeys, penetrating where the *sole* missionary of the mainland is not able, both on account of time and strength to go, they usually tell us that the people assent and listen to the story of the gospel. And I know that it must be so.

This station of Bolenda is nearly three miles further up the river than the one where my brother lives, and the people of the adjoining tribe, the Belengi, often come here "to see you," as they say, or to see the "white man's house," which though built of the same material as theirs, is larger and admits more light and air. They lift their eyes to the thatched roof, so much higher than theirs, with an expression of fear, as though it might fall on their poor superstitious heads. When I open the melodeon they look as cautious as if a *spirit* were about to appear. I hope by reading and singing in the Benga, some little truth and light may penetrate their eager but ignorant minds. The language of the Belengi is quiet different from the Kombe and Benga. Without an interpreter, I scarcely make them understand me. I do not remember if I have mentioned

in any previous letter, now we are working at this sub-station. Pardon me, if I repeat too much.

Two young men, who were for a while Scripture readers, are pursuing their studies here, as one of them expresses it,—“sharpening his tools” for future service. One of them is teacher of the Benga day-school at this station; it is well attended. Two young men, who have been long under instruction, also assist as interpreters for me, and one assists in *some* of the English studies. The service of morning worship is conducted in the English language; that of the *evening*, of prayer-meetings, and Sabbath morning, evening and Sabbath-school is in the Benga or Kombe language. Both the schools are opened daily with prayer and singing. The Bible is the chief text-book; the Shorter Catechism in Benga and English; writing, reading, geography and arithmetic, with various Scripture questions form the present range of daily and Sabbath lessons. Ngombalondo, the young man of whom I spoke as having the name “George Paull,” is advanced in English, but his preference and mine, at present, confines him to strictly religious and sacred studies, a close study of the Bible, with careful analysis in recitation and notes of the Shorter Catechism; it is delightful to teach this last. I hope soon to add to his studies a harmony of the Gospels, and, when I procure the requisite books, some Biblical history. There are several points, distant half a day’s journey, whither the young men sometimes go to hold meetings of prayer.

Part of the instruction is in the use of *tools*, and four hours of the day are spent in various kind of work in the place; four hours are spent in recitations. The wages given for these four hours of instruction in work enables the young men to procure their food and clothing, so that the always troublesome food question does not come to me every day for solution. And we hope that thus the young men will be self-reliant, though under missionary guidance and instruction, which they surely seem not to be when their food is *provided* for them. This plan is an *experiment*; and, rather unfortunately for its first trial, the season for the past four months has been the time when these Kombe people are afraid to go far out to sea for fishing, and very little is caught near and in the river; but we have been able to keep together better than we expected. The rains are about

commencing, and with them come smoother seas and greater abundance of fish. This is the principal meal of these people; the wild meat is not easily obtained, and goats and sheep not very numerous.

In regard to the Sabbath service, my brother had hoped to come one Sabbath of the month; but the death of our missionary brother, Mr. Reutlinger, throws the long undivided burden back upon my brother. Of the two young men, Metese and Boelipa, who have been employed as Scripture readers by the Mission, I am at liberty to call upon either of them to speak usually one Sabbath in the month. I do so; at other times, I attempt to explain the word myself. My usual interpreter speaks full Kombe; the occasional one

uses the Benga. I am able to follow the last in his renderings; the other I only half understand, but enough to know when he gives wrong names or numbers, or leaves a description incomplete. Sabbath-school is opened with singing and prayer. I have five teachers. The number of pupils varies from twenty to fifty. On the first Sabbath of the month the school is closed with recitation of some of the Shorter Catechism in Benga by those who are able to read; a hymn sung standing, and the Lord's Prayer in Benga recited in concert, and this they do admirably, pausing at the end of each sentence, and waiting for the leader's voice for the next. In the evening a little talk about the cities where our Saviour lived and wrought his mighty work.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN NOVEMBER, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—West Galway ch 41 41, Sab-sch 7 34 = 48 75. *Pby of Londonderry*—First ch Newburyport, mo con 100. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch Syracuse, Missy's Socy 134 83 for native teachers in China, 120 to ed girl in China 60 = 314 83 \$463 58

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Scrub Grass ch 12; Glade Run Sab-sch 10; Washington Sab-sch 4; Rich Hill Sab-sch, to ed girl at Saharanpur 20. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Cross Roads ch 40. Miss ch 8 = 48; 1st ch Allegheny, a lady 72; Sewickley Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Beaver*—Slippery Rock ch and Sab-sch 2 33; Hermon ch 3. Sab-sch to ed girls at Saharanpur and Dehra 65 = 68; New Castle 1st ch 10 251 33

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Westminster ch, Grace Lee, blind girl 1; Harmony ch 69 86; 1st ch Sab-sch Baltimore 25; Havre de Grace ch 40; Frederick ch Md 38, two little boys, Edward and Bayard Eichelberger 2 = 40. *Pby of Carlisle*—Lower Path Valley ch 32 30; Burnt Cabins ch 12; Part contents of Jimmie Gordon's Missy's box 55 cts; Harrisburg ch 138 37; Barton Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Concord*—Davidson's River ch 2 50. *Pby of Potomac*—First ch Alexandria 10 431 58

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—First ch Aledo Sab-sch 20; 1st ch Sab-sch, Rock Island, little Clara Zel's (5 years old) dying bequest 1 85. *Pby of Chicago*—Elgin ch 5 50, Sab-sch 9 50 = 15; 1st ch Aurora 3 60; Rockford ch, N C Thompson 100. *Pby of Rock River*—Shannon Union Sab-sch 2; Zion ch 5; Scates Mound ch 2. *Pby of Schuyler*—Carthage Sab-sch 15 164 45

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Sidney*—First ch West Liberty 19 19

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Crow Meadow ch 3 62. *Pby of Peoria*—Lewistown ch 35. Sab-sch 44 58 = 79 58; Henry ch 51, Jno Mateer, for boys' sch at Tungchow 25 = 76; Prospect ch, bequest of Mrs Martha Parks, dec'd, 33 50. *Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 8; Sharon ch 4; Pisgah ch 14; Union ch 2 70. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 3d ch, fourth ward Miss sch 2 223 41

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Knights-town Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Madison*—First ch Madison 27 64 47 64

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Prairie ch 2. *Pby of Vinton*—Salem Sab sch 8 10 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Grace ch

Mrs Reifeld 1; 1st German ch 8; Bethel ch 20; Emanuel ch, a friend 2 35, Sab-sch 9 = 11 35; Zoar ch 2. Lottie 2 = 4; 2d ch Sab-sch St Louis for Ningpo 300; Nazareth ch Sab-sch 4 20. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Sullivan ch 1 349 55

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Greenville, Tusculum College Sab-sch 5 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch Burlington 46 97. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch Elizabeth, Ladies' Miss Socy for sup of Miss Walsh 100; 1st ch Roselle 15; Baskinridge ch 132; Perth Amboy ch 15; Elizabethport Sab-sch 10; 2d ch Rahway 41. Sab-sch 9 55 = 50 55; Lamington ch 140. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahanoy City Sab-sch 37 76; New Boston Sab-sch 7; Wyoming Sab-sch 6. *Pby of Newton*—Belvidere 225, special 25 = 250; 1st ch Greenwich 168 39. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch New Brunswick, mo con 17 72; Hamilton Square ch 10. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch Morristown, quarterly col 305 52; Wickliffe ch mo con 8 97; 3d ch Newark mo con 17 70. *Pby of West Jersey*—First ch Sab-sch Cedarville 120 55; Cape Island ch 23 65; Bridgeton 2d ch 38 42, Sab-sch 31 58 = 70 1,552 78

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch, mo con 18 40; North Salem ch, 20; Red Mills Sab-sch, a thank-offering for union 20. *Pby of Hudson*—Bloomburg ch, mo con 5 20; Monroe ch 50 cts, Sab-sch for Dehra 5 50 = 6; Hamptonburg ch Sab-sch 21; Washingtonville ch 41 81; Mt Hope ch 13 75, Sab-sch 6 50 = 25 25. *Pby of Long Island*—Setatket ch 14 10; Bellport ch 7; South Haven ch 15; Huntington South ch 8; Amityville branch Sab-sch 3 90; Babylon Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Nassau*—Lawrence St Sab-sch, Brooklyn 34 20; Geneva ch, Brooklyn 20 12; Astoria ch 33 86; Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn, mo con 16 49; 1st ch Brooklyn, mo con 51 98; South Third St ch, Williamsburgh 44 78. *Pby of New York*—University Place ch, mo con 19 20; 1st ch New York 8,943 41, mo con 215 13 = 9,158 54; Brick ch, mo con 109 51; Brick ch, Chapel 8 25; Chelsea ch 6 43, Mission Sab-sch 20 = 26 43; 1st ch New York, Mission sch 24 28; Pott's Memorial ch, mo con 5 40; 1st ch Jersey City, mo con 27 95. *Pby of New York 2d*—West Farms ch, mo con 7; Mt Washington ch 300; Peekskill ch, mo con 29 00. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburgh, mo con 27 69 10,153 43

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—New Lancaster ch 9 10, a scholar 1 90 = 11; 2d ch Sab-sch, Wabash 25 cts; Bequest of

Leder Shepherd Thomas, dec'd 29 35. *Pby of Muncie*—Muncie ch 13 25 53 85

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Circleville ch 68 05; Blendon Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Hocking*—Athens Sab-sch 22. *Pby of Zanesville*—Newark ch 15 05. Sab-sch 30 25 = 45 30; Salem Ger ch, a thank-offering from a lady 6 161 35

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Mt. Joy ch 23; Donegal ch 11 35. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Milroy ch and Sab-sch 20; West Kishacoquillas and Shiloh Sab-schs 9 09; Shade Gap Sab-sch 2 50; Mrs Eliza P Allison, Huntingdon ch, for Rawal Pindi 100; Alexandria Sab-sch 20; Birmingham ch, Warrior's Mark, Sab-sch 32 50. *Pby of New Castle*—Red Clay Sab-sch 16; Lower Brandywine Sab-sch 38 56. *Pby of Northumberland*—Great Island Sab-sch 15 39; Lycoming Centre Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce St ch 60; 10th ch mo col 73 23; Bethany ch, Infant Class, for Benita Chapel 19. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington ch and Sab-sch 50; Cohocksink ch and Sab-sch 34 45. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Chestnut Hills ch, from J T Y 100; Abington ch mo col 32; Newtown ch, mo con, for Papal countries 12 40 680 47

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Salem ch 35; Livermore 25. *Pby of Clarion*—Greenville ch 16, Sab-sch, for Chefoo 30 = 46; Leatherwood Sab-sch, for Chefoo 8 40; Goheen Sab-sch, for Chefoo 7; Frostburgh Sab-sch, for Chefoo 16 75; Licking Sab-sch, for Chefoo 11 50. *Pby of Ohio*—Bethel ch 15 05; 1st ch Pittsburgh, Missy's Meeting 235, gold 100 = 335; Montours ch 10 17; Centre ch 18 60; Lebanon ch 1 60; Long Island ch 50. *Pby of Redstone*—West Newton ch 22 52; Dunlap's Creek Sab-sch 15 67; Furnace Missy's Sab-sch, for Benita 15; McClellandtown Sab-sch 10; Uniontown ch 112 35. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Apollo ch 51 55; 1st ch Kittanning 204 36; Indiana ch, Col H Laughlin 200, less 20 acknowledged in Sept = 180 1,191 52

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Hixton Sab-sch 2 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch, Grand Rapids, to sup Mr Farnham 45 50; Lyon ch Sab-sch 5 25 50 75

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN [IOWA.—*Pby of Missouri River*—Clarinda ch 14 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch, S T N 1 50, Sab-sch 3 68 = 5 18. *Pby of Steubenville*—Uhricksville ch 30. *Pby of Washington*—Beech Glen Sab-sch 15 75, Annie Clark's Missy's Box 50 cts = 16 25 51 43

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Pulaski ch 5. *Pby of Winnebago*—Robinsonville ch 12 23 17 23

Total receipts from churches, \$15,896 53

SYNOD OF REF PRESS CHURCH.—Fifth Ref Pby'n ch, Philadelphia, to sup four missionaries in India 120 52. Sab-sch 100, for four scholarships in Saharanpur 100 320 52

LEGACIES.—Estate of Wm Hempstead, dec'd, Galena, Ill 200; Legacy of Edward Avery, dec'd, Wooster, Ohio, less tax 93 77; Patterson estate 108 76 402 53

MISCELLANEOUS.—Secret Alms 3; Miss Jane Wilson 10; C H K 5; J T Soutter 1,000; Mrs Anna G Halsey, Hammonnton, N J 2; Mrs M N Foley, Cannonsburg, Pa 5; E T Fairbanks, for add'l teachers among Creeks 250; Ellisdie Sab-sch 11 85; Gen G Loomis 3; A Friend, cash 100; B S, for India 1,000; A Young Man of Pa 5; Mrs Blauvelt, Spring Valley 4 50; James Woods, a little boy, for India 2; China 10; Franklin Sab-sch 2 33; A Lady 2; Miss C A Lyon, Charleston, S C 10; Little Hattie Whitley's birthday gift for the heathen 1; Port Jervis Pres ch, mo con 8; Sab-sch, to ed girl at Dehra 10; Class of little girls, Green Hill, Pa, for Rawal Pindi girls' sch 5; Eliza Hill, Windham, N H 20; Ger Ref ch

Miamisburg, Ohio, for Mynpurie girls' sch 10 35; Contents of Jennie and Minnie O's Missy's Box, 3 years 6 50; Lewistown, Ill, A Friend 100; Geo P Chamberlain, for Brazil 10; Mrs R A Lloyd, Mo 5; Miss M H, Phila 3 50; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 10; D W Green, Beverly, Ohio 2; J B Nichols, Osage Miss, Kansas 10 2,627 03

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Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Minutes of the Assembly.

The Minutes of the adjourned meeting of the General Assembly which met in the First Church at Pittsburgh have been published, with an Appendix by the Stated Clerks of the two Assemblies, giving an account of the proceedings at the Joint Meeting held immediately after the dissolution of the Assemblies. The price is 25 cents. Orders from Presbyteries, with the money, may be sent to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Assembly, No. 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Orders and money for *single copies* should be sent to Peter Walker, No. 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. A few copies of the Minutes of May last can still be had at 75 cents from Mr. Walker.

Plans of Systematic Beneficence.

The Board of Publication recently published, under the direction of the General Assembly, a neat pamphlet with the above title. It was prepared by a committee of five gentlemen appointed by the General Assembly at New York in May last. It brings together in one group the most effective plans for eliciting general, liberal, and systematic contributions in the congregations; such as have been tried by pastors in various parts of the church. It states succinctly the advantages and disadvantages of each plan, and thus gives to every pastor and session precisely the information needed in order to make an enlightened choice of the best methods of gathering the benevolent contributions of their church. According to a direction of the late General Assembly, given at Pittsburgh, two copies of this pamphlet have already been mailed to every minister *now* in our connection. Should other copies be wanted, they can be obtained gratuitously on application to the Board of Publication.

Publications in the Spanish Language.

The Board now has in press a number of small publications in Spanish, which will immediately be issued. Among these are the *Shorter Catechism*, the *Child's Catechism*, and a considerable number of excellent tracts, partly selected from the catalogue of the London Religious Tract Society, and the remainder translated from the choicest English tracts already on

the Board's own catalogue. These will be followed, Providence permitting, at an early day, by several small volumes in the same tongue.

Our Books in Japan.

The Rev. Edward Cornes, now a missionary of our Foreign Board at Yokohama in Japan, was formerly an active and useful colporteur of the Board of Publication. While engaged in that service, he learned to value highly the Publications of the Board. Not long since he solicited a grant of books and papers for a mission Sabbath-school in the city where he now resides. These were cheerfully sent by the Board, and the following acknowledgment from him will interest our readers.

"Thank you and the Board of Publication for the kind grant of books, papers, &c., made to our little Sabbath-school in this distant land. The school has greatly prospered since I last wrote to you, and we now have about seventy names upon our roll. The fame of the school is bringing quite a number of little Roman Catholics, whom we had no hope of reaching, as their priests are very watchful and strict. The number of Japanese is also increasing, and for a few weeks past many of them stop to look in and listen to our exercises, occasionally sitting down for a little while even when they do not join our classes.

"Your excellent grant will be very acceptable and useful, especially the *Sabbath-school Visitors*. These papers are extensively read by the parents, and by the sailors and soldiers, of whom there are very many within our reach. We all feel a deep interest in our Sabbath-school, and are very grateful for your timely assistance in making it what we desire."

From a German Pastor.

The pastor of a church composed of Germans in the State of New York, recently made application to the Board for a grant of books to his Sabbath-school, and of tracts for gratuitous distribution among his people. The Board sent him a package mainly of publications in the German language. The following is his acknowledgment:

"The unpacking of your package caused me much delight. You have indeed made a nice selection of books and tracts which will prove interesting and useful to both the old and the young people of my congregation. Therefore I render my hearty thanks to your beneficent Board for this liberal donation, and hope the Lord will richly bless your most important cause, and strengthen your power to promote his blessed kingdom."

The Board has also recently sent donations of its German Catechisms and other German publications to a number of churches of that nationality in Wisconsin and Iowa, all of which have been most gratefully received.

A Colporteur's Experience.

One of our Colporteurs in Iowa writes that his horse and buggy recently became mired in one of the deepest and worst sloughs in that State. Only

about half of his horse was visible, and his buggy was as near the bottom as it could well get. He was forced to get out, detach his horse from the buggy and lead it to dry land. Then he waded back several times for his books, and finally brought them ashore unharmed. He then returned for his buggy, separated it into as many pieces as the mechanism of it would allow, and took each piece to dry land by itself. Then finding that one of his boots had been drawn off by this novel bootjack, he explored the slough for it, until he found it. After cleaning the mud from horse and buggy and getting them in travelling trim, he seated himself on the bank of the slough, and taking out a copy of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, read the experience of Christian in the Slough of Despond, after which he went on his way. The rest of his story he tells in these words :

“A woman on whom I called would like very much to buy some books, but had no money. The grasshoppers, she said, took the crop last year, and she now hadn't money enough to buy bread. As she was smoking at the time, I could not help expressing my surprise that some people had no money to buy bread or books, but had enough to buy tobacco. She asked if I did not use it. I told her no; that I had never tasted it, and never expected to do so. ‘Well,’ said she, ‘perhaps you use beer or whiskey.’ I told her that I used neither, and spoke a few words on the evils resulting from their use. She then said I could talk as I pleased; that it was none of my business how she spent her money. Then puffing across the floor she seized an old broom and said, ‘Do you see that door?’ I said, ‘Yes—I see it.’ ‘Well then,’ she replied, ‘clear out, or I will break your head for you.’ I looked her straight in the eyes and said, ‘Just wait a minute, let us pray together before you do it. Kneel down, if you please.’ Her daughter and I did so, but she stood broom in hand, and as motionless as Lot's wife after her sudden crystallization. After prayer I gave her some tracts and left with an unbroken head. The last I saw of her she stood broom in hand.

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The Shorter Catechism in Brazil.

A year or more ago the Presbyterian Board of Publication published the Shorter Catechism in the Portuguese language. This was done at the instance, and mainly for the use of our missionary brethren labouring in Brazil. An ample supply was sent to them, and it seems to have been used with excellent effect, to some extent, among the people of that land. A missionary in Brazil, writing not long since to the *Presbyterian*, says:—

“I have somewhere read, or it has been whispered in my hearing, that ‘the Westminster Catechism and whiskey have been the ruin of Scotland.’ This is a way the devil has of mixing up good and evil, so as to lead honest, but ill-informed people to throw away wheat, under the impression that it is all chaff. He would become a temperance man, and sign the pledge to abstain from all intoxicating drinks, if, in return, we would throw away this ‘form of sound words.’ But we are not of his way of thinking in Brazil. It struck me strangely, however, as we turned our horses' heads away from a little house far up the mountain, and presently crossed the aqueduct, which for more than a century has been carrying

living waters to the teeming city below, that I should there have been hearing Brazilian children recite words which for centuries have been the channel of the living waters of God's truth, to multitudes who now drink at the Fountain-head, and thirst no more.

"It is not yet a year since, from the same little house, the soul of a young man rejoicingly put on immortality, and they carried his body to 'God's acre.' He had been the first of his family to confess Christ, and the first now to know the fulness of joy at His right hand. He left two brothers of like mind with himself. The eldest of these, with his family, occupies the little house, and strives to make it a Church of God. A lad, his eldest son, was able to repeat the Catechism throughout—the next, a girl, was ready to the third commandment—still another, who does not know how to read, gave accurately seven answers. I questioned them upon the answers, to see how far they understood them. They were not slow to apprehend; and I was more than ever convinced of the possibility of making that form of sound words and weighty theology interesting to young minds. We yield too readily to the idea that children can only get by rote what in later years they will be able to digest.

"While questioning our Sabbath-school some months since on the character of Herod, who 'sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem from two years old and under,' having painted it as black as history makes it, I abruptly asked:—'Do you think you are any better than this wicked man?' A dead pause. I varied the question, and waited a while. The answer came from a little boy on the back seat:—*Somos todos filhos de Adao.* 'We are all children of Adam.' No more comprehensive or incisive answer could have been given by the wisest of theologians. I am afraid of the milk and water diet on which thousands of children in our church are being brought up. There is a 'strong weakness' in the type of Christianity it fosters, which manifests itself in the day of trial. The reason why the wicked hate the Westminster Catechism is, that it produces such sturdy Christians, men who can give a reason of the faith that is in them. For the same reason we love it, and spend an hour each Sabbath morning in catechizing the adults of our church. May the Lord incline the heart of the reunited Church to return to the old paths, and ground her children in the *standards* which each body has emphatically endorsed again. Let us not have them only as a coat to put on, but rather as daily food, entering into the very marrow of our bones."

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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. R. WILSON, D.D.

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State of our Treasury.

During the past few months the pressure upon our treasury has been very great. The number of applications for aid and the sums asked for and recommended by Presbytery, have been largely in advance of anything during our previous history.

It is encouraging to see evidence of church expansion, but it has become a serious question with us, to know how we are to keep pace with this increase in demand. Thus far we have not refused any application that has come *regularly* before us, nor have we endeavoured to husband our means in order to be able to respond to the more important calls that may be made upon us. But the applications now on file and the appropriations already made (and which may be called for at any time) are so far in advance of our receipts, that unless the churches that have as yet sent us no contribution for the year, come forward to our assistance with liberal hand, we shall be under the painful necessity of refusing to grant the applications that are pouring in upon us, or what we still more deprecate, fail to fulfil our promise of aid, to those who amidst many difficulties are struggling to complete their houses of worship, in confident expectation of being able to say, "This house is the Lord's, and no man has any claim against it."

In view of these facts, we must beg Presbyteries or Committees of Presbyteries on Church Extension, to be careful not to endorse applications for large sums, or for unnecessarily costly buildings. The desire for FINE church buildings is one of the prevailing evils of the day. Our aim is simply to be able to aid those feeble churches, who, having done all in their power to furnish themselves with a *plain* and *uncostly* sanctuary, look to us for a small sum to enable them to complete the structure free of debt.

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<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce Street Sab-sch	40 00	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch	66 40
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<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Harmony ch 20 80; 1st ch Greenwich 37 62	58 42	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bellefield ch 10 95; 6th ch Pittsburgh 60 01; Forest Grove ch 28; Mansfield ch 21 50; East Liberty ch 90 96	211 42	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Bloomfield ch 7 01; Fredericktown ch 11 75; Hayesville ch 11 95; McKay ch 15 84	46 55
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<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —La Porte and Big Creek chs	7 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North Tenth St ch	13 43
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8; Fredericktown ch 10 45; Perysville ch,	16 00	Oak Ridge ch 11 50; Steubenville 1st ch	12 38
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25; Milroy ch 45; Tyrone ch 20; Lady of Bethel	16 00		
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ch 73 47; Mrs E P S Jones of do 5	16 00		

The following amounts have been received since the last report, viz:—

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Freeport ch 20; Pleasant Valley ch 7; Sunbury ch 5 43; Bull Creek ch, add'l	83 43
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Cross Roads ch 15 60; Cross Roads Mission ch 2 50	18 10
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —New Salem ch 14 30; Slippery	

Rock ch Sab-sch 1 36; A disabled minister	5
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<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Bloomfield ch 9 70; Great Canowaga ch 13; Rock Spring, St Thomas and Strasburg chs 16	38 70

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GEO. H. VAN GELDER, *Treasurer,*
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Philadelphia, November 5th, 1869.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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A Pleasant Narrative.

THANKSGIVING DAY at Concord, North Carolina. Our excellent missionary at this place writes, November 19th:—"We have just had a pleasant Thanksgiving and Sabbath-school celebration united. It was designed for our own people chiefly, as we could not provide for everybody. They were to have a celebration at Rocky River" (another of his churches) "also. But some of the Bethpage and Poplar Tent people" (two other churches under his care—all coloured) "were present, coming from ten to fifteen miles.

"Large portions of the Child's Catechism, Bible verses, and some whole psalms and hymns were recited in the morning. Then the superintendent of the school gave the following statistics: 'Enrolled in the school, commencing April, 1869, to this time, 207. Seven hundred and fifty-three cards were given, representing each 10' (questions) 'of the catechism, or 20 Scripture verses, or verses of hymns, drawing 53 reward books. There have been recited 4,000 catechism' (questions) 'and 6,060 Bible verses, including hymns.'

"After the report, a short discourse was made, detailing the blessings of the past year, personal, school and church at home; national and church prosperity in general, with an exhortation to press forward and live to noble ends while the Lord is showing his loving-kindness and wonder-working hand.

"After prayer the Sunday-school formed in procession and marched through the main street, up to the factory, to and fro, bearing the United States flag in front, and a dozen Sabbath-school banners scattered through the columns. At several places they stopped and sung,

"We are rising, we are rising,
With the changes of our land,' &c.,

and the temperance song—

"O, look not on the tempting cup,"

with other similar songs. At the factory the owner addressed them with encouraging words.

"While they were on the march, the mothers spread the long table with the best things of the land. The young men had bought some four or five dollars' worth of candy and *dessert*, and they had a good time in general." Surely these are words of cheer to those who are giving and praying, as well as to those who are *toiling* for the elevation of the freedmen. We fear, that in the memorising of Scripture, Hymns, and Catechism, there are not a few white schools, even in our most favored States, for which a like report would not make so good a showing.

Concord is near the centre of about thirty churches, and is the point at which steps are being taken to establish a seminary for coloured girls. The commencement delayed, as yet, however, for want of funds. Of this our missionary, in the same letter, writes:—"I wish we had the seminary started. We have now some dozen or more girls advancing rapidly, whose parents would gladly support them in such a school; and many others would come in, if some help could be obtained." We feel that this seminary is a growing *necessity*, and are becoming somewhat restive at our inability to succeed in having it opened.

Our Committee lately commissioned a well recommended coloured minister to labour at Salisbury and vicinity, North Carolina—a difficult field, which has been for some time without a missionary. He writes that the church there, as he was told, had been “reported dead in the Catawba Presbytery” on the same week in which he arrived; and, that though notice had been given on the previous Sabbath, he had but about “half a dozen” hearers at his first morning service. But a letter, written just one month later, tells us that his congregation had increased to “about sixty,” and that at the last “Wednesday evening service” there were present “about thirty or thirty-five,” with “manifest seriousness,” several persons signifying that they “desired the prayers of the people of God.” A series of evening services was then commenced, and, at time of writing, were still in progress, of which he says:—“So far our meetings have been very solemn and interesting, and the religious interest manifested has far exceeded our expectation.” May God give the increase.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN NOVEMBER, 1869.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch 17 31; Gloversville ch 23 45 \$45 76	<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —“P,” Summit Hill ch \$30 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Westminster ch 8 25; Buffalo ch 7 75 16 00	<i>Pby of Miami</i> —First ch Miami City 27 00
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Lamberton coloured sch 2 50; (in Oct) Ebenezer coloured ch and sch 21 80; (in Oct) Charleston sch 11 35; (in Oct) St Paul’s coloured ch 26; (in Oct) Edisto Island coloured ch 37 50; (in Oct) St Andrew’s coloured ch 12; (in Oct) Wadmalaw coloured ch 19; (in Nov) Tarboro coloured ch 14 144 15	<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch, N Y 507 52
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock ch 1 01	<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch 41 39
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Green Castle ch 32 00	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine ch 11 15
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Rocky River coloured sch 2; Catawba River coloured sch 2; Concord (Oct and Nov) coloured sch 6; Lexington (Oct and Nov) coloured sch 3 75; Greenboro’ (Oct and Nov) coloured sch 21 50; Statesville sch 3 30; Henderson sch 3; Mocksville ch and sch 13 25; McClelland (Oct and Nov) coloured ch 24; North Barrier (Oct and Nov) coloured sch 8; Poplar Tent (Oct and Nov) coloured ch 23 50; Mt Vernon (Oct and Nov) coloured ch 5 90; Mt Tabor (in Oct) coloured sch 2; Lexington (Oct and Nov) coloured ch 19 50; Greenboro’ (Oct and Nov) coloured ch 17; McClintock (Oct) coloured ch 7; Charlotte ch 21, sch 23 45 = 41 45; Woodland (Oct) coloured ch 5; Meranda (Oct) coloured ch 7; Buffalo Creek (Oct) coloured ch and sch 4 20; Murkland Chapel (Oct 4); Bensalem (Oct) coloured ch 4; Hamilton (Oct) coloured ch 8; Lloyd (Oct) coloured ch 3; Franklin (Nov) coloured sch 1 50; G6ld Hill (Nov) coloured sch 4 05; Tarboro (Nov) coloured sch 14; St Paul’s ch 3; Gold Hill ch 6; Mt Zion (Nov) coloured ch 5; Mebaneville (Nov) coloured ch 5 279 90	<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Hamilton Square ch 5 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Bethany ch 6; Eugene ch 2 8 00	<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch 9 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —North Salem ch 5 00	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Warrior Run ch 17 81
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Pulaski ch 5 00	<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Morristown ch 10 34
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Decatur ch 1; Leon ch 2 3 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Central ch Pittsburgh 81 81; Shadyside Sab-sch, special 100; Westminster ch 16 15; Bellfield ch, special 50 247 96
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Wyoming ch 13 25	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —First ch Monroe town 67 84
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 30 30; German ch Mt Pleasant 6; German ch, Muscatine 2 50; Fort Madison ch 9 31, Sab-sch 5 69 = 15 53 80	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch, infant Sab-sch 6 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Franklin Sab-sch 73	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch 18 43; Cohocksink ch 34 45 52 88
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Midway Macedonia ch 10; Atlanta coloured ch 27 60; Chattanooga coloured ch 2 78; Dalton coloured ch 11 25; Macon coloured ch 75 156 63	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Sterling ch 37 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Fresh Pond ch 6; Middletown ch 12 94 18 94	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Second ch Steubenville, add’l 19; New Hagerstown ch 27; Two Ridges ch 32 30; Bacon Ridge ch 10; East Springfield ch 10 89 30
	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —West Okaw ch 2 25; Springfield ch 50 52 25
	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroe town ch 4 00
	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Carmi ch 4 00
	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford Sab-sch 14 83
	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Sullivan ch 9; Carlisle ch 7 25; Claiborne ch 5 21 25
	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 8 20; West Alexander ch, add’l 7; Forks of Wheeling ch 56 71 20
	<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Lexington 2d ch 266 90
	<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch 8 00
	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Robinsonville, French ch 13 21
	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch 5 00
	Total amount rec’d from Churches \$2,374 00
	MISCELLANEOUS.
	Rev J I Smith, La Crosse 8 50; “Friends in Ill” 100; A Friend in Lewistown, Ill 100; A Friend in West Philadelphia, Pa 25; Quindaro sch, Kansas 4; Russell Grove sch, Va 6 33 243 83
	Total receipts in November, \$2,617 83
	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer,
	No. 78 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.
	Rev SS Murkland, Bethany, N C, acknowledges the receipt of 2 boxes of second-hand clothing from Dr Halley’s church, Albany, N Y.
	1 box from Dr Sprague’s church, Albany, N Y.
	1 box from Dr Child’s congregation, Norwalk, Conn.

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